

TAMPICO FEDERALS IN SERIOUS PLIGHT

BETREAT FROM ALL TOWNS MAY END IN A VERY DISASTROUS ROUTE.

FEW DETAILS OBTAINABLE

Federal gunboats have left vicinity of Tampico and are steaming southward.

REVOLT IS SEETHING.

VERA CRUZ, May 14.—Revolt against General Huerta's rule is seething in Mexico City. Constitutionalists work openly with handbills, while their orators inflame the citizens against the dictator. It is common gossip there that members of General Huerta's official family are jealously watching him for the first sign of weakness which would mean their ruin as well as his.

The provisional president is believed to be in constant danger of assassination, while the city is said to be liable at any moment to an outbreak of anarchy. This is confirmed by the stories of many refugees arriving here.

Officials and refugees here believe the next act of the complicated Mexican drama will be played in Mexico City within a few days. Because of conditions in the capital, they fully credit the report that General Huerta is sacking Puebla with fire and preparing to retreat there.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—A delayed wireless dispatch from Rear Admiral Mayo at Tampico late tonight announced that the Mexican federal gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza, one of them towing the big Tampico, had left the Panuco river and steamed southward. They were followed by the American cruiser Tacoma and the destroyers Warrington and Henley.

Only Meager Details.

VERA CRUZ, May 14.—A violent electrical storm in the vicinity of Tampico has rendered the wireless virtually useless and only meager details of the situation at that port, evaluated yesterday by the federals, were received today.

The flight of the federals under Zaragoza, who are retreating in the direction of San Luis Potosi along the railway, is considered by those who know the country as extremely serious.

The constitutionalists have overrun the territory about San Luis Potosi and control a considerable portion of the rail line. Northward toward the federal troops the country is rugged and barren and probably impossible to the weary veterans of Tampico.

In Zaragoza's rear are constitutional forces, elated by victory and ready to press on him. The general belief here is that the little force of federals will be cut to pieces.

News was received today that the warning of the constitutionalist leader, General Caballero, of his intention to attack Tampico with artillery was given to the commander of the British cruiser Hermione, May 8. Foreign residents immediately began to go aboard the various ships. It is reported that a few Americans remained.

Within the city there were frequent patriotic demonstrations before the attack began. A few recruits had reached General Zaragoza, but the constitutionalists had increased to 5,000, with two field guns, making the odds against the federals hopeless. The ammunition supply aboard the federal gunboats had been greatly reduced and this is considered the probable cause of Zaragoza's determination to evacuate the city.

The situation at Vera Cruz was one of absolute quiet today and Brigadier General Funston's men have settled down to the routine of garrison duty. With the arrival of additional equipment it is probable that most of the troops will be under canvas.

Consul Canada is disturbed over the detention of a Cuban messenger who was sent out to General Massa's lines with a letter urging the release of Admiral Fletcher's Filipino servant, who wandered out into Mexican territory and had been held by the federals for more than a week. The Cuban has been gone four days and it is learned that he, too, is held by the federals. The Cuban also bore a note to General Massa regarding Mexican general's personal property which he abandoned when he withdrew from the city. The authorities are anxious to return the property, make what disposition of it General Massa may wish.

Workmen are busy removing the traces of bullet and shell fire, resulting from the two days' fighting. The gaping holes in the Benito Juarez tower over the municipal museum, where the bluejackets planted three shells the first day, has been repaired. Private houses, except those on the water front, have been re-

FAITHFUL PRISONER REWARDED BY CRUCE

PAROLED BY GOVERNOR FOR WORK DURING RIOT.

Prisoner Who Aided Officers in Capturing Escaped Convicts Won His Freedom by Parole.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 14.—(Special) One of the prisoners who rendered valuable service to the guards in checking the outbreak at the state penitentiary in January during which eight persons were killed, received his reward Thursday in the form of a parole from Governor Cruse. He is Olgado Morton, who was sentenced in 1912 from Garfield county to serve five years for horse stealing and who has served two years of his term.

Morton is an expert telephone man and he was in charge of the prison exchange when the riot occurred. The convicts rushed into the telephone room and attempted to destroy the exchange, succeeding in putting it out of commission temporarily. As soon as they had left Morton with swift expert fingers repaired the breaks and telephoned the pump station outside the walls. The prison authorities agree that it was this action which enabled Guard Ritchie to overtakesome of the fleeing convicts and probably resulting in saving several lives that might have been sacrificed had the prisoners remained at large.

James Kirkwood, president of the State Anti-Thief Association and other officials of this organization recommended a parole for Morton as well as many officials and citizens of Garfield county. Prison authorities will attempt to secure a position for Morton with the Pioneer Telephone company according to a letter attached to the parole papers.

SENATOR GOT MAD OVER PRAIRIE DOGS

WESTERN ANIMAL STIRS UP A REAL WAR-LIKE SCENE IN SENATE.

One Senator Called Another a Liar and Riot Was Narrowly Averted By Cool Heads.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Prairie dogs stirred up more trouble in the senate today than tariff, currency, tolls or woman suffrage had done in the entire session. Before the flurry was over one senator had denounced another as "falsifier" and democrats had been accused of converting the party's economic pledge into a satire.

It all came about by Senator Ashurst being absent from the senate when it agreed to a \$125,000 item in the agricultural appropriation bill for investigating noxious farm animals. Today the senator asked a reconsideration that he might insert a \$6,000 increase for the investigation of the methods of exterminating the prairie dog, which he said had uprooted whole townships in Arizona.

Senator Bristow announced that an appropriation for the extermination of prairie dogs was the most abominable thing he ever heard of, because every farmer knew how to get rid of them.

"Everything I do seems axim to the senator from Kansas," retorted Senator Ashurst.

For a minute the storm promised to pass over, but Senator Grammer started it up anew by answering a remark of Senator Bristow by declaring, with some heat, that certain senators tried to be facetious about everything.

"I am not in favor of calling out the army and navy to exterminate the prairie dog," senator Bristow replied. "This strain looks to me like a strained effort to get an appropriation to give somebody some job."

"No one would make that statement whose brains were not at the base of his tongue instead of his head," shouted Senator Ashurst as he advanced across the chamber toward the Kansas senator. "Any senator who says I am seeking to get some job by this item speaks what is false and knows he is a falsifier."

Senator Gallinger suggested that rule 18 about proper language in the senate be read.

"The senator from Arizona is out of order, and if he continues to do so I must compel him to take his seat," declared Senator Hitchcock, presiding.

The senator knows he was out of order, but he repeals the statement, was Senator Ashurst's reply.

The roll call on reconsideration cut short the debate. Reconsideration was defeated by a vote of 26 to 26, but the debate over the prairie dog was not over. Senator Reed took the floor to denounce the entire bill, decrying many items in it as unjustifiable, and that the talk of the Mexican general had been converted into a satire.

During the debate Senator Sutherland inquired why an appropriation had been made to protect sugar cane from insects, adding, "you had better provide for an investigation as to how to protect sugar cane from the democratic party".

A committee amendment to the bill providing a \$100,000 appropriation for experiments and demonstrations in livestock production in the cane sugar and cotton districts of the United States was ruled out on a point of order, and a \$50,000 item for the same work was left in.

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MEXICAN MEDIATORS ARRIVE IN THE U. S.

LANDED AT KEY WEST LAST NIGHT AND BOARDED SPECIAL TRAIN FOR THE EAST.

DISPLAYED MUCH INTEREST

But Declined to Make Any Comment on the Plans of the Mission of Peace.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 14.—The three peace commissioners, Emano Batista, Augustin Rodriguez and Luis Echegaray, appointed by President Diaz of Mexico to represent his government at the mediation conference on the Mexican situation to be held at Niagara Falls, arrived here tonight from Havana on the steamer Miami.

Immediately after the steamer docked the commissioners and the other members of the party completed arrangements to proceed on their journey and within an hour were whirling northward on a Florida East Coast railway train which had been held for their arrival. They made no statement on the situation in the republic.

The party reached Havana today.

The Kyu Princess from Vera Cruz where they had previously proceeded on a special train from Mexico City. They already had arranged for passage from Havana to Key West and spent only a short time in the Cuban city. The trip from Havana here was uneventful.

Edmundo H. Henriquez, representing the American state department, according to advices received here tonight from St. Augustine, is on route from Washington to meet the mediators and look after their comfort on the journey to Niagara Falls. Two special cars will be ready for the Mexican representatives at New Smyrna, Fla., when they reach there tomorrow morning.

Questions were asked by the commissioners regarding the latest developments in the mediation plans and when informed that it was reported that the elimination of Huerta and the organization of a government including representatives of both Huerta and the constitutionalists was to be proposed, the commissioners asked.

No statement on any phase of the Mexican situation was forthcoming however, from the delegates. Senator Batista, who appears to be the spokesman for the party and who is in attendance, Mayor Woods has declared this afternoon a legal holiday and requested all business men to close their stores at 2:30 o'clock and attend the exercises.

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